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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Jan. 5, 1922.

*To the Honorable Senate
and the House of Representatives.*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending Nov. 30, 1921, including the votes of the cities and towns on the question of granting licenses for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages; the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1921; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There are also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the Superior Court for the several counties, and the clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk; of the number of jury cases, of jury-waived cases and of equity suits pending at the beginning of the year; of the number of each of said three classes of cases entered during the year; of the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year; of the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court; of the number of cases of each class remaining untried at the end of the year; of the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it is excessive; and of the number of days during which the court has sat in each county for the hearing of each of said three classes of cases.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The following table shows, in detail, the receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions	\$23,230 00
Corporations	463,169 94
Limited partnerships	28 00
Sale of books, etc.	6,777 25
Sale of Bradford Histories	862 00
Sale of Blue Books	792 15
Labels, trade-marks, etc.	4,300 00
Interest	92 12
Certificates	1,441 00
Military records	175 20
Copies	9,068 83
Miscellaneous:—	
Vital statistics	\$253 00
Advance sheets	508 00
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	761 00
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	\$510,697 49

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were \$119,507.32, from which it appears that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth \$391,190.17 over the office expenses.

COMMISSIONS.

The number of commissions issued during the year ending Nov. 30, 1921, was 4,955 (a decrease of 339 over the preceding year), of which 309 were without fee and 130 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,870
Justices of the peace	1,612
Special district police officers	28
Special commissioners	86
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	159
Public warehousemen	31
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	35

Public administrators	5
Masters in chancery	12
Medical examiners	10
Clerks, municipal, police and district courts	18
Commissioners in other States	10
Justices and special justices, municipal, police and district courts	15
Associate medical examiners	12
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	8
Trial justices	5
Commissioners to qualify public officers	10
Commissioners in foreign countries	3
Sheriffs	1
Associate justices, Superior Court	3
Ballot Law Commissioners	1
Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Board of Police, City of Fall River	1
Commissioner of Savings Bank Life Insurance	1
Finance Commissioner, City of Boston	1
Judge of probate and insolvency	1
Pilots	8
Special judge of probate and insolvency	1
District attorney	1
Pilot commissioners	2
Port warden	1
Secretary to Governor	1
Assistant secretary to Governor	1
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	4,955

Certificates to the number of 6,635 were issued. Fees were remitted for 5,764.

CORPORATIONS.

(Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B, 340C.)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under general laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1921, was 2,754, — a decrease of 617 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1920. They were classified as follows: —

Trading corporations (under chapter 437, Acts of 1903, and General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,342
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under Revised Laws, chapter 125, section 6, and General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	322

Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under chapter 628, Acts of 1911, and General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	34
Churches (under Revised Laws, chapter 36, section 51, and General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	18
Credit unions (under chapter 268, General Acts of 1915, and General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	24
Co-operative banks (under chapter 623, Acts of 1912, and General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	4
Trust company (under chapter 374, Acts of 1904, and General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	1
Insurance companies (under chapter 576, Acts of 1907, and General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	4

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 17,112, — an increase of 74 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1920. Of these, 12,147 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under Revised Laws, chapter 110, section 51; section 45, chapter 437, Acts of 1903; section 65, chapter 742, Acts of 1914; General Laws, chapter 158, section 37, and chapter 156, section 47); 2,342 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under chapter 437, Acts of 1903, and General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 322 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under Revised Laws, chapter 125, and General Laws, chapter 180); 875 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under section 14, chapter 437, Acts of 1903, and General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 27 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and not recorded was 2,295, of which 1,917 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under Revised Laws, chapter 126; section 66, chapter 437, Acts of 1903; General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 8 other classes.

There were issued 32 certificates of change of name of corporations (under chapter 163, Acts of 1908; chapter 205, General Acts of 1915; General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 53 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 17 cases.

Details of all these statistics appear in the Abstract of the Certificates of Corporations, published by this office (Public Document No. 10).

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 24 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 2,960 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied, — a decrease of 1,500 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1920.

LABELS, TRADE-MARKS, ETC.

(Room 337.)

By Revised Laws, chapter 72, section 7, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relate to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 173 cases.

Under chapter 618 of the Acts of 1920, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provide for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, one assignment was received, and a certificate of registration issued and recorded.

INSIGNIA OF SOCIETIES AND LABOR UNIONS.

(Room 337.)

Chapter 335, Acts of 1904, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provide for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received, which has been included with the number of labels above given, under Revised Laws, chapter 72, section 7, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

MARKS AND DEVICES ON CANS, ETC.

(ROOM 337.)

By Revised Laws, chapter 72, section 15, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provide for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 16 such descriptions were received and filed. Under Revised Laws, chapter 72, section 19, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk cans, jugs, bottles or jars, 44 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

CERTAIN FEES OF BUSINESS CORPORATIONS.

A recommendation was made in the Secretary's report of last year with regard to the amount of fees paid this office upon the filing of certain certificates by business corporations under chapter 156 of the General Laws relative to the increase of shares of authorized capital stock without par value.

While the matter was under consideration in the General Court, a decision was rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court in certain cases against the practice of assessing said fees under the existing law, as a result of which certain fees paid are to be refunded to certain corporations. To remedy the situation, I renew the recommendation of last year, that the law be amended as it is practised in similar cases in the States of Alabama, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Utah and Virginia.

FILING AND RECORDING CORPORATION PAPERS.

The law now requires that certain papers filed in this office shall also be recorded. Such recording entails much clerical work and a large number of additional volumes, which occupy needed space. The papers after filing are sufficiently safe and available for public use without additional recording. I there-

fore suggest, in the interest of economy, legislation providing that the act of filing be deemed and taken to be recorded within the meaning of the statute requiring such record to be made.

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION.

(Room 334.)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, the returns of births and marriages in the various cities and towns for the year 1920, which were received in 1921, cover 91,859 births and 38,048 marriages, an increase, as compared with the returns of 1919, of 4,032 births and 3,719 marriages.

Under the provisions of the same law, 53,632 certified copies of records of deaths were received from Jan. 1, 1920, to Dec. 31, 1920, an increase of 1,287 compared with the returns of 1919.

The medical examiners' returns for 1920 cover 6,276 cases, an increase of 92 as compared with the returns of 1919.

The returns by the clerks of the courts of the decrees of divorce for 1920 number 4,376, an increase of 1,255 as compared with the returns of 1919.

These figures are compiled, analyzed and presented fully in the annual registration report for 1920 (Public Document No. 1).

During the year 1,038 certificates of birth, 488 certificates of marriage and 368 certificates of death were issued, a total of 1,894. Fees received from these certificates amounted to \$253.

SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

There have frequently been brought to my attention cases not only of sincere misunderstanding, but of wilful abuse of the laws relating to the solemnization of marriages, and I respectfully suggest the advisability of requiring ministers of the Gospel, rabbis of the Israelitish faith, Friends and Quakers to be registered before performing the marriage ceremony.

CREMATION AND BURIAL OF HUMAN BODIES.

The law relating to the cremation and burial of human bodies provides for cremation by any corporation authorized to cremate bodies of the dead. I am informed that there have been

cases of human bodies being disposed of otherwise than by cremation or burial, and I recommend an amendment to the law, prohibiting the disposal of a human body otherwise than by cremation or burial.

ARCHIVES DIVISION.

(Room 438.)

The number of visitors during the year was 4,506; written inquiries for military records, 649; historical and miscellaneous subjects, 332; certificates of military service issued, 172; copies of legislative records and manuscripts typewritten, 171; copies of manuscripts, maps and other material for various officials, corporations and individuals, by photostat, 19,351; copies of soldiers' discharges, by photostat, 60; volumes of the archives reproduced in negative photostat, 8, some 5,640 sheets; volumes of the archives bound, 0; volumes of the archives card index completed, 3; volumes of the archives for which name indices are being prepared, 7; volumes of the archives for which new tables of contents have been prepared, 1; volumes of the archives rebound, 0; amount of fees received for military records, \$175.20; for copies, typewritten, \$166.40, photostat, \$3,456.49, totaling \$3,798.09.

Province Laws.

Volume XXI, the last of the series, containing Resolves, etc., 1779-80, and Town Chapters, 1692-1714, given by title only in volumes VII, VIII and IX, has been plated and printed, and will shortly be distributed, completing a work begun in 1866.

Reproduction of the Archives.

This work has been proceeding more rapidly since suitable quarters have been obtained, but is held back by the necessary use of the machines in copying papers from the Corporation Division and for other State departments, institutions and individuals. Some 13 volumes of the archives, making 38 volumes as bound, are now in the binders' hands and soon will be in use.

Rebinding the Archives.

Of the 326 volumes in the archives proper, 105 have been rebound since 1905, and at present 35 volumes are more or less in need of attention and some 15 need rebinding badly. Owing to the Emery Record Preserving Company being unable to accept the work when offered it during the past year, no rebinding has been done, but arrangements have been made so that early in the year those most needing attention can be rebound. Many of the volumes require rebacking only, and this can be done in the Division without taking them from the building.

Use of the Archives.

It becomes more and more evident that the general public has little idea of the contents of the archives, particularly the map collection of 5,000 items, including two series of town maps, on a uniform scale, made in 1794 and 1830, deposited here pursuant to law. The only information available is the report of the commissioners on the condition of the records, etc., in the Secretary's Department, 1885; report of Andrew McFarland Davis on the public archives of Massachusetts made to the American Historical Association, 1900; and "The Massachusetts Archives" in the American Antiquarian Society's Proceedings, April, 1921.

House Journals, 1715-80.

During the year Volumes I and II of the House Journals of Massachusetts, 1715-80, as reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, have been distributed by the Document Division, under authority of chapter 413, Acts of 1920, and chapter 170, Acts of 1921. After a careful canvass of all the libraries, colleges and historical societies entitled to them under said acts, copies have been issued to those desiring them, and at the most, 300 copies will fill all the State's needs. I suggest, with the consent of the Massachusetts Historical Society, that the said acts be amended to read "300" instead of "500" copies.

Vital Records.

The same conditions hold in the distribution of vital records under chapter 562, Acts of 1920, chapter 171, Acts of 1921, and pending legislation. More than thirty of the town libraries already have refused to accept them for lack of space or use, and I suggest legislation making the number to be purchased or printed 300 instead of 500.

Gifts.

During the past year some 26 Revolutionary muster rolls, accounts, returns, etc., have been presented by Prof. Raphael Pumpelly of Newport, R. I., and the commission of Lieut. Benjamin Ropes, Jr., of Salem, dated June 21, 1777, has been given by Mr. James Ropes of Tunkhannock, Pa.

PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION.

(ROOM 118.)

There were 99,325 volumes of the Public Document series, representing 87 different reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions, printed under the direction of the Secretary during the year 1921. In addition to the above there were printed 26 supplemental publications connected with the departmental reports.

These various documents contained (exclusive of maps, charts, half tones, etc.) 15,544 pages of text in cloth and paper bindings.

The cost of printing and binding the above publications was \$76,950.03. The cost of the series for the year previous was \$74,347.86.

The most voluminous report, Public Document No. 10, Abstract of the Certificates of Corporations, totaled 1,216 pages, and the edition of 1,500 copies cost \$10,978.65. The smallest document was that of the Chelsea Excise Board, Public Document No. 133, consisting of 4 pages and costing \$9.22 for publication.

The cost for printing and binding the Manual for the General Court was \$5,663.19; the Journal of the Senate, \$2,560.62; and the House Journal, \$3,049.44.

In addition to the Public Document series, the publications enumerated below were distributed through this Division: 20,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 11,500 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 13,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 453 copies each of the Term Reports, Nos. 234 and 235, total 906 copies; 500 copies of the Table of Changes in the Revised Laws, 1920; 750 copies of the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1920; 500 copies of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State officers, 1920; 15,000 copies of the Acts and Resolves passed at an extra session of the Legislature, 1920; 700 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, extra session, 1920, total, 1,400 copies; 1,000 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 500 copies of the Report of Cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act determined on appeal by the Supreme Judicial Court, Sept. 11, 1919, to Dec. 1, 1920, being Bulletin No. 21 of the Industrial Accident Board; 500 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 2, 1718-20; 3,000 copies of the Report of the Joint Special Committee on Consolidating and Arranging the General Laws; 3,000 copies of Amendments to the Report of the Joint Special Committee on Consolidating and Arranging the General Laws; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1921; 2,000 copies of the Messages to the General Court, Official Addresses, Proclamations and State Papers of His Excellency, Governor Calvin Coolidge, 1919 and 1920; 3,000 copies of the Population of Massachusetts, 1920; 1,000 copies of Bradford's History of Plimoth Plantation; 3,000 copies of the Temporary Index to the General Laws; 8,000 copies of a Condensed Summary of Laws relative to Innholders and Common Victuallers; 1,000 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1920; 7,000 copies of the General Laws relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, including legislation of 1921; 3,000 copies each of Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of

the General Laws relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, including legislation of 1921; 500 copies of New England in France, 1917-19, — making a grand total of 223,381 volumes that have passed through this Division during the year.

Changes made during the past year in the methods of receiving and issuing State publications have resulted in a more efficient handling of the work assigned to this Division.

Obsolete and duplicate publications have been disposed of as provided by statute, and the Document Division storerooms rearranged so that the somewhat limited storage space may be used to the best advantage. These changes were made without disturbing the routine work of the Division, and at little cost. The old shelving was remodeled and used over again, and the labor, except for the necessary services of a carpenter, was performed without the hiring of additional help.

Chapter 5, General Laws, provides that there shall be printed annually 11,500 copies of the Blue Book, and 20,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves. As the demand for these publications does not equal the supply in either case, I recommend that the above chapter be amended to provide for a number of Blue Books to be printed annually not to exceed 11,500 copies, and a number of the pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves not to exceed 20,000 copies, the Secretary of the Commonwealth to determine the number required each year.

DIVISION OF THE CENSUS.

(Room 256.)

General Laws, chapter 138, section 14, provides for the taking of a census of the temporary or summer residents in certain towns to determine the number of licenses which may be issued therein for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages. In accordance with said provisions a special census of the temporary or summer residents of the town of Hull was taken in June, 1921, and a report of the census was filed with the selectmen of the town on June 28, 1921.

Under the supervision of the Secretary of the Commonwealth the State Census Director has general charge of the purchase of paper used in the execution of the contract for State printing. The director keeps a record of all orders, stock and cost

accounting classified by departments, and a financial account classified by firms, and kinds of paper purchased. Tests of the paper purchased are made from time to time to ascertain if the quality is as good as the samples submitted and accepted by the experts.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS.

(ROOM 254.)

Inspections.

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fire of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns have been made during the year 1921 in the following 193 places: — Abington, Acushnet, Adams, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Andover, Arlington, Ashland, Auburn, Ayer, Becket, Bedford, Belchertown, Belmont, Bernardston, Beverly, Billerica, Boxford, Boylston, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Brookline, Buckland, Canton, Carlisle, Charlemont, Charlton, Chelmsford, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chester, Chicopee, Chilmark, Clarksburg, Clinton, Colrain, Concord, Conway, Dalton, Danvers, Dartmouth, Dedham, Deerfield, Douglas, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Dunstable, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Edgartown, Erving, Everett, Fairhaven, Framingham, Gay Head, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Gosnold, Grafton, Granby, Groton, Groveland, Hadley, Hampden, Hancock, Hanover, Hardwick, Haverhill, Hinsdale, Holden, Holliston, Holyoke, Hopkinton, Huntington, Ipswich, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Longmeadow, Lowell, Ludlow, Marion, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Medfield, Medford, Merrimac, Methuen, Middleton, Millbury, Millis, Monson, Montague, Montgomery, Nantucket, Needham, New Ashford, New Bedford, Newbury, Newburyport, Newton, North Adams, Northampton, North Andover, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Norwood, Oak Bluffs, Oakham, Orange, Otis, Oxford, Palmer, Paxton, Pepperell, Peru, Pittsfield, Revere, Richmond, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Russell, Rutland, Salisbury, Savoy, Shelburne, Shrewsbury, South Hadley, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Southwick, Spencer, Springfield, Sterling, Stockbridge, Sturbridge, Sunderland,

Sutton, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Topsfield, Tyngsborough, Tyngs-
ham, Upton, Uxbridge, Wales, Waltham, Ware, Wareham,
Warren, Washington, Watertown, Webster, Wellesley, Wenham,
West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Brookfield, West
Newbury, West Springfield, West Stockbridge, West Tisbury,
Westborough, Westfield, Westford, Westhampton, Weston,
Westport, Westwood, Whately, Whitman, Wilbraham, Williams-
town, Windsor, Winthrop, Worcester.

These inspections made by the Supervisor, under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, show the necessity of thorough examination of the vaults and safes in which public records are kept, if the safekeeping of the records is to be assured. In one instance the Supervisor found a vault, containing public records, to be so damp that water was dripping from the ceiling and actually standing on the floor. The record books were so wet that they were coming to pieces and in danger of destruction. Moreover, two large holes had been made through the walls of the vault, which openings, of course, destroy its usefulness as a protective receptacle against fire.

In several other cases vaults were found the doors of which could not be locked, or even closed, owing to the combinations of the locks being broken or out of order, so that the records in those vaults were practically unprotected.

Several instances also were found in which record books were kept entirely without fireproof protection of any sort. In all these instances strong representations were made by the Supervisor to the responsible officials, regarding their duty to have these violations of law remedied.

New Town Halls.

No new town halls have been occupied during the year, but in Gardner work has begun on the foundations of an edifice which is to serve as a memorial to the veterans of the World War and for a town hall. As the present town hall building has been condemned by a State building inspector, and vacated by the town departments, the new edifice doubtless will be hurried to completion.

In Dover work has begun on a new town hall.

In Blandford and also in Granville new town halls are con-

templated, bequests of land for the sites having been received and appropriations made for the buildings, in addition to private gifts and subscriptions.

In Ipswich the town hall, damaged by fire last year, has been repaired and repainted and is now in good condition.

In Spencer alterations and repairs are being made on the town hall building.

Repairing and Binding.

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of South Hadley, West Stockbridge and Leverett, and for the registries of deeds at Boston and Plymouth; also maps and plans mounted and bound for the registries of deeds at Worcester, Pittsfield, Plymouth, New Bedford, Lowell and Northampton.

Fires.

On May 1, 1921, fire badly damaged the Tribune Building at Framingham, in which were the town offices, but none of the records sustained any damage. The town offices have been removed into a former schoolhouse, where good protection is afforded for the public records.

An old church building in Georgetown, which had been given to the town for use as a town hall and offices, was burned, but the new vault in the building was not injured and no records ever had been kept in the vault or the building.

On Aug. 28, 1921, the town hall in Plainville was damaged about \$8,000 by fire, but the records were in the town office in the high school building and received no damage.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads.

No additional typewriter ribbons or stamping pads have been approved during the year.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS.

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect

until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments and commission during the year 1921: —

Department of Civil Service and Registration.
Department of Conservation.
Department of Labor and Industries.
Department of Public Health.
Department of Public Safety.
Department of Public Works.
Metropolitan District Commission.

CHANGES OF NAMES OF PERSONS.

The returns of 1,381 names, changed in 1920 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

RETURNS UNDER THE LOBBY ACT.

Under what is known as the Lobby Act (General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50, inclusive), 369 entries were made upon the dockets of legislative counsel and agents, — an increase of 11 as compared with 1920. Returns were received at this office covering 364 of these entries. Of those received it became the duty of the Secretary to transmit 21 to the Attorney-General for his information, 8 appearing to be irregular or defective, and 13 being received after the expiration of the time limit. The 5 cases of delinquency were reported to the Attorney-General, as required by law.

The total amount returned to this office as having been paid on account of the employment of legislative counsel and agents was \$131,202.71, in addition to which annual salaries or retainers, unapportioned, were reported to the amount of \$75,860.

PROCLAMATIONS.

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,500 were given public distribution to the schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations 10,500 were mailed to the schools, granges, agricultural societies, churches, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,500 Thanksgiving Day proclamations were sent to the churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For Fire Prevention Day, October 10, 5,000 copies were printed and distributed by the State Fire Marshal. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, by silent prayer of thanks and for the blessing of God on the Conference of Limitation of Armaments, 12,000 copies were printed and distributed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks.

Proclamations were also issued to the press by the Governor as follows: National Thrift Week, January 14; Be Kind to Animals Week, April 7; Forest Protection and Fire Prevention Week, May 14; declaring Armistice Day a holiday in conformity with the suggestion in the proclamation of President Harding, based on a resolution of the Congress of the United States, November 7; concerning the visit of M. le Maréchal Foch to the Commonwealth November 9, and the observance of American Education Week, November 30.

PARDONS, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 6, all of which were issued under parole conditions; commutation from sentence, 1; remander to State Prison, 1; requisitions upon other States, 189; upon Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; upon Secretary of War of the United States, 1; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 4; and warrants issued upon requisition from other States, 35.

NATURALIZATION RETURNS.

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 4,373 persons before the various courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1920, an increase of 2,184 as compared with the returns for 1919. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

INDEXES TO ACTS AND RESOLVES.

The attention of the General Court is respectfully called to what appears an unnecessary duplication in the details connected with the publication of the Acts and Resolves. The Cumulative Index to the Acts and Resolves, published under authority of General Laws, chapter 5, section 5, has been prepared in this Department at the request of the House chairman of the committee on rules, while the index published with the Acts and Resolves is prepared under the direction of the rules committee of the Senate and House under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 3, section 51. I suggest the advisability of the preparation of a single index which can be begun early in the session, to be in parts as the Cumulative Index, and to be completed by the time the text of the Acts and Resolves is ready for publication, thereby insuring a much earlier issue of the volume.

STANDARDIZATION OF CERTAIN SALARIES.

I recommend that the salaries of the Chief of the Archives Division, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, and the Commission Clerk in this Department, now otherwise regulated by law, shall hereafter be determined under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 30, sections 45 to 50, inclusive.

MISCELLANEOUS.

As required by General Laws, chapter 96, section 6, the Director of Standards is required annually to make a return to the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of the various kinds and quantities of lumber surveyed by his surveyors during the

preceding fiscal year, giving the names of the surveyors and the amount of fees collected in each case. This return was previously filed in this office by the Surveyor-General of Lumber.

The four reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Return of Births, Marriages and Deaths (Public Document No. 1), Abstract of Certificates of Corporations (Public Document No. 10), Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who Voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43), and Information relative to Voluntary Associations Owning or Controlling Public Service Corporations (Public Document No. 101), have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

RETURNS OF VOTES

ON

QUESTIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN
ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

1921

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Law.

When received.	City or Town.	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE.	Action.	Date of Action.
1921.				
Jan. 6	Beverly . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	Dec. 14, 1920
Jan. 6	Beverly . . .	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted . . .	Dec. 14, 1920
Jan. 8	Cambridge . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	Dec. 7, 1920
Jan. 8	Cambridge . . .	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted . . .	Dec. 7, 1920
Jan. 11	Richmond . . .	Elections (ballot town), 1913, 835, § 432 . . .	Accepted . . .	Feb. 19, 1920
Jan. 17	Groton . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	July 13, 1920
Jan. 18	North Andover . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	June 2, 1920
Jan. 20	Maynard . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	June 16, 1920
Jan. 21	Webster . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	May 3, 1920
Jan. 21	Webster . . .	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted . . .	Nov. 2, 1920
Jan. 25	Natick . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	June 8, 1920
Jan. 26	Chatham . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	July 20, 1920
Feb. 2	Frammingham . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	May 12, 1920
Feb. 10	Harvard . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	Feb. 7, 1921
Feb. 10	Great Barrington . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted . . .	June 2, 1920
Feb. 10	Malden . . .	Division of wards into precincts, 1913, 835, § 217 . . .	Accepted . . .	Feb. 1, 1921
Feb. 12	New Bedford . . .	Division of wards into precincts, G. L. 54, § 10 . . .	Accepted . . .	Feb. 11, 1921
Feb. 15	Bolton . . .	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted . . .	Feb. 7, 1921
Feb. 18	Charlton . . .	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted . . .	Feb. 7, 1921
Feb. 23	Northbridge . . .	Division of town into precincts, G. L. 54, § 6 . . .	Accepted . . .	Feb. 12, 1921
Mar. 1	Hull . . .	Pay for city and town employees who enlist in the service of the United States, 1917, 254 (General Acts)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 4, 1918
Mar. 1	Hull . . .	Contribution to cost of service by the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, 1919, 247 (Special Acts)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 13, 1920
Mar. 1	Tewksbury . . .	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected . . .	Dec. 15, 1920
Mar. 1	Tewksbury . . .	Establishment of fire department, 1920, 591, § 27 . . .	Accepted . . .	Dec. 15, 1920
Mar. 2	Draut . . .	Holding of annual town meetings, G. L. 39, § 23 . . .	Accepted . . .	Feb. 7, 1921

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Law — Concluded.

When received.	City or Town.	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE.	Action.	Date of Action.
1921.				
Mar. 4	Uxbridge	Division of town into precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Jan. 5, 1921
Mar. 4	Uxbridge	Precinct voting in town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Feb. 18, 1921
Mar. 7	Needham	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	June 30, 1920
Mar. 9	Canton	Two-platoon system for fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Rejected	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 9	Action	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Pensions for foremen, etc., 1920, 179 (G. L. 32, §§ 77-79)	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Payment to municipal employees who served in the World War of the difference between their military and municipal compensation, 1920, 235	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 14	Boston	Payment to county employees who served in the World War of the difference between their military and county compensation, 1921, 38	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Pension for foremen, etc., 1920, 179 (G. L. 32, §§ 77-79)	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Payment to municipal employees who served in the World War of the difference between their military and municipal compensation, 1920, 235	Rejected	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Changes in town laws, 1920, 591	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 21	Spencer	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 21	Canton	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 22	Dover	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1921
Mar. 22	Westwood	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1921
Mar. 22	Westwood	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Rejected	Mar. 14, 1921
Mar. 25	Nahant	Pensions for police and firemen, G. L. 30, § 85 (1904, 327)	Rejected	Mar. 19, 1921
Mar. 26	Hingham	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1921
Mar. 29	South Hadley	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1921
Mar. 29	South Hadley	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, 1921, 14	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1921
Mar. 29	Framingham	Board of survey and assessors, G. L. 41, §§ 25, 73	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1921
Mar. 29	Framingham	Licensing board, G. L. 138, §§ 4-9	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1921
Mar. 29	Framingham	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21-23	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1921

Apr. 2	Framingham	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1921
Apr. 11	Westport	State-aided vocational education, G. L. 74 (1911, 471)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1921
Apr. 11	Great Barrington	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, 1921, 14	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1921
Apr. 16	Reading	Building line on public ways, G. L. 82, § 37 (1917, 344, Part II, § 73)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1921
Apr. 16	Danvers	Civil service law applied to chief of police, G. L. 31, § 49	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Apr. 18	Medford	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected	Dec. 14, 1920
Apr. 18	Medford	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1920
Apr. 18	Dracut	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1921
Apr. 20	Falmouth	Precinct voting at town elections, 1913, 835, § 421	Accepted	Aug. 26, 1914
Apr. 20	Dracut	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1921
Apr. 20	Dracut	Precinct voting at town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1921
Apr. 20	Ashburnham	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 17, 1921
Apr. 30	Cambridge	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, §§ 56-59	Accepted	Apr. 18, 1921
May 4	Fall River	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Feb. 21, 1921
May 6	Quincy	Retirement on pension of Civil War veterans, G. L. 32, § 52	Accepted	May 2, 1921
May 16	Methuen	Precinct voting at town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Apr. 21, 1921
May 17	Barre	Division of town into voting precincts, 1913, 835, § 221	Accepted	Apr. 1, 1918
June 10	Medway	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	June 3, 1921
June 15	Everett	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	May 8, 1921
June 20	Boston	Interpreters in Boston Municipal Court, G. L. 218, § 67	Accepted	June 16, 1921
June 29	Charlton	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21-28	Accepted	June 24, 1921
June 30	Peabody	License to maintain picnic groves, G. L. 140, §§ 188-190	Accepted	June 23, 1921
July 1	Revere	Division of Ward 4 into precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	June 22, 1921
July 9	Salem	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1921
July 28	Beverly	Division of Ward 6 into precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	June 13, 1921
July 28	Beverly	Division of Ward 5 into precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	June 20, 1921
Aug. 1	Nahant	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, §§ 3, 6-12	Accepted	July 27, 1921
Aug. 1	Nahant	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21-28	Accepted	July 27, 1921
Sept. 2	Cambridge	Division of Ward 9 into six precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	Aug. 17, 1921
Sept. 12	Swampscott	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1921
Sept. 29	Springfield	Pensions for firemen in cities, G. L. 32, §§ 80, 81	Accepted	Sept. 20, 1921
Oct. 3	Brockton	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	June 2, 1921
Oct. 7	Winchendon	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	July 31, 1920
Oct. 28	Boston	Division of certain wards into voting precincts, 1913, 835, § 225 (G. L. 54, § 10)	Accepted	Apr. 22, 1921
Nov. 17	Brantree	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42-44	Accepted	Nov. 14, 1921
Dec. 14	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	Payment to county employees who served in the World War of the difference between their military and county compensation, 1921, 38	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1921
Dec. 14	Selectmen, Wellfleet	Provision for use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	July 27, 1921
Dec. 15	Shrewsbury	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1921
Dec. 21	Lowell	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, 1920, 574 (G. L. 32, §§ 56-59)	Accepted	Dec. 20, 1921
Dec. 24	Beverly	Apportionment of betterments, G. L. 80, § 14	Accepted	Dec. 20, 1921

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, or to the City Council of a City.

When received.	From whom received.	TITLE OF ACT.	Date of Action.	VOTE.	
				Yes.	No.
1921.					
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act to provide for the transfer to the Metropolitan District Commission of certain park land in the city of Cambridge [1920, 509].	Dec. 7, 1920	12,484	4,201
Jan. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Boston [1920, 641].	Jan. 11, 1921	-1	-
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, Scituate	An Act to provide for the protection of the shores in the town of Scituate [1920, 585].	Dec. 16, 1920	57	1
Jan. 25	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to provide for commissioners of public works in the town of Natick [1920, 22].	Mar. 31, 1920	180	1
Jan. 27	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the clerk of the city of Medford [1919, 76, Special Acts].	Apr. 1, 1919	-2	-
Jan. 27	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act to provide for precinct voting, representative town meetings, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Arlington [1920, 642].	Jan. 24, 1921	-3	-
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Chelsea [1918, 117, Special Acts].	Apr. 15, 1918	-2	-
Feb. 12	Clerk, Dracont Water Supply District	An Act to authorize the Dracont Water Supply District to extend its territory [1919, 118, Special Acts].	July 28, 1919	-3	-
Mar. 3	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act to provide for precinct voting, limited town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Brookline [1921, 36].	Mar. 1, 1921	2,442	381
Mar. 10	City Clerk, Newton	An Act authorizing the city of Newton to pension Herbert W. Hall [1921, 74].	Mar. 9, 1921	-4	-
Mar. 11	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act to provide for additional assessors in the city of New Bedford [1921, 6].	Mar. 10, 1921	-4	-
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act to provide for precinct voting, representative town meeting, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Weymouth.	Mar. 14, 1921	449	128
Mar. 24	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pension George A. Holmes [1921, 103].	Mar. 23, 1921	-4	-
Mar. 29	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay a sum of money to the widow of James M. Collins [1921, 8].	Mar. 26, 1921	-4	-
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act authorizing the town of Framingham to retire Emma L. Clarke on a pension [1921, 39].	Mar. 24, 1921	-3	-
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act to authorize the town of Marshfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water [1920, 405].	Mar. 7, 1921	-3	-
Mar. 31	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of James E. McDonough [1921, 135].	Mar. 30, 1921	-4	-
Apr. 11	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Thomas F. Goode [1921, 129].	Apr. 8, 1921	-4	-
Apr. 16	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salary of the messenger in the office of the district attorney for the Suffolk district [1921, 235].	Apr. 14, 1921	-4	-
Apr. 16	Town Clerk, Reading	An Act authorizing the town of Reading to establish a board of public works [1921, 118].	Mar. 28, 1921	-3	-

Apr. 21	City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to lay and maintain pipes and furnish water to St. Vincent Hospital in the town of Millbury [1921, 62].	Apr. 7, 1921	-4
Apr. 22	City Clerk, Boston . . .	Resolve in favor of the widow of James J. Lyons [Resolves, 1921, 20]	Apr. 21, 1921	-4
Apr. 28	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act increasing the salary of the chairman of the board of assessors of the city of Boston [1921, 283].	Apr. 26, 1921	-4
May 3	City Clerk, Cambridge . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Mary E. Mannix [1921, 10].	May 3, 1921	-4
May 3	City Clerk, Cambridge . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Kittie L. Magoun [1921, 250].	May 3, 1921	-4
May 6	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to utilize schoolhouse property as war memorial buildings and the like [1921, 169].	May 4, 1921	-4
May 9	City Clerk, Cambridge . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Henry T. Burrage [1921, 13].	May 3, 1921	-4
May 12	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act establishing the office and salary of a chief court officer in the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for criminal business [1921, 284].	May 11, 1921	-4
May 16	Town Clerk, Methuen . . .	An Act to provide for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Methuen [1921, 241].	Apr. 16, 1921	498
May 19	City Clerk, Taunton . . .	An Act to authorize the city of Taunton to discontinue a part of the Caswell burial ground [1921, 4].	May 17, 1921	-4
May 19	City Clerk, Holyoke . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to pay a sum of money to the guardian of the children of Michael Fahey [1921, 57].	May 17, 1921	-4
May 26	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Laura F. Tilton [1921, 339].	May 25, 1921	-4
June 9	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act increasing the amount that may be expended by the city of Boston to obtain information on municipal affairs [1921, 54].	June 7, 1921	-4
June 11	City Clerk, Holyoke . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to pay a certain sum of money to the widow of Oscar C. Ferry [1921, 382].	June 8, 1921	-4
June 15	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Edwin B. Barnes [1921, 128].	June 14, 1921	-4
June 16	City Clerk, New Bedford . . .	Resolve providing for the dredging of Acushnet river between the city of New Bedford and the town of Acushnet [Resolves, 1921, 41].	June 8, 1921	-5
June 20	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to retire and pension William S. Foster [1921, 192].	June 8, 1921	-6
June 20	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pension Flora M. Parrish [1921, 88].	June 16, 1921	-6
July 2	City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pension Hannah Marley [1921, 469].	June 24, 1921	-4
July 2	City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pension Walter F. Gleason [1921, 470].	June 24, 1921	-4
July 14	Town Clerk, Marblehead . . .	An Act relative to the school committee of the town of Marblehead [1921, 477].	July 7, 1921	137
July 15	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act relative to clerical assistance for the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston and for the Central District Court of Worcester [1921, 465, § 2].	July 13, 1921	-6
July 16	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act relative to clerical assistance for the municipal court of the Roxbury district of the city of Boston [1921, 464].	July 15, 1921	-7
Sept. 6	Clerk, Fire District Number One in Greenfield.	An Act authorizing the town of Greenfield to acquire the franchise and property of Fire District Number One of Greenfield [1921, 429].	Sept. 1, 1921	410
Oct. 7	Town Clerk, Winchendon . . .	An Act to authorize the town of Winchendon to construct a system of sewerage [1906, 245].	Sept. 19, 1908	160

¹ Accepted by mayor and city council.² Accepted by the board of aldermen.³ Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.⁴ Accepted by the city council.⁵ Rejected by the city council of New Bedford.⁶ Accepted by the city council of Boston.⁷ Approved by the mayor of the city of Boston.

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, or to the City Council of a City — Concluded.

When received.	From whom received.	TITLE OF ACT.	Date of Action.	VOTE.	
				Yes.	No.
1921.					
Oct. 29	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act to amend the charter of the city of Lowell [1921, 383, § 57]	Oct. 18, 1921	8,534	7,903
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pension Timothy R. Sullivan [1921, 308].	Nov. 16, 1921	- ¹	-
Dec. 1	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act relative to the salary of the register of deeds and assistant recorder of the land court for the district of northern Middlesex [1921, 422].	Nov. 22, 1921	- ²	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to compensate the members of its board of aldermen [1921, 9].	Dec. 13, 1921	800	3,718
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Holyoke	Acceptance of question favoring a commission of three persons to have supervision over the gas and electric department of said city.	Dec. 6, 1921	9,977	3,462
Dec. 17	Town Clerk, North Andover	An Act to increase sewer betterment assessments in the town of North Andover [1921, 23].	Mar. 19, 1921	- ³	-
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to primary elections in the city of Medford [1921, 140].	Dec. 13, 1921	5,153	1,262
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Medford [1921, 161].	Dec. 13, 1921	4,673	1,421
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act to place the chief engineer of the fire department of the city of Medford under civil service [1921, 174].	Dec. 13, 1921	2,651	4,475
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act establishing a schoolhouse building commission for the city of Medford [1921, 405].	Dec. 13, 1921	5,974	906
Dec. 23	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act to provide for biennial municipal elections in the city of New Bedford [1921, 46].	Dec. 6, 1921	12,576	8,321
Dec. 23	City Clerk, Malden	An Act to amend the charter of the city of Malden [1921, 373].	Dec. 13, 1921	1,405	3,502
Dec. 24	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Brockton [1921, 307].	Dec. 6, 1921	9,660	4,785
Dec. 30	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act enabling the county of Middlesex to make improvements at the county buildings in the city of Cambridge [1921, 309].	Dec. 23, 1921	- ²	-

¹ Accepted by the city council of Boston.

² Accepted by the Middlesex county commissioners.

³ Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

RETURNS OF VOTES

ON THE

QUESTION OF GRANTING LICENSES FOR THE SALE

OF CERTAIN

NON-INTOXICATING BEVERAGES, ETC.

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BRISTOL COUNTY.									
Acushnet ¹ .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,220
Attleboro.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98
Berkley.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Dartmouth.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	352
Dighton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Easton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	566
Fairhaven.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	680
FALL RIVER.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	507
Free town.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,716
Mansfield.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,699
New Bedford.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
North Attleborough.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	480
Norton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	670
Raynham.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,375
Rehoboth.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,655
Seekonk.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	790
Somerset.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	729
Swansea.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154
TAUNTON.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111
Westport.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Totals.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	214
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,123
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,581
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	374
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,822
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,665
DUKES COUNTY.									
Chilmark.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Fidgartown.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Gay Head.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105
Gosnold.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Oak Bluffs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Tisbury.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
West Tisbury.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	186
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	322
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	513

¹ Question not submitted to voters.

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1921 — Continued.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	FIRST CLASS.			SECOND CLASS.			THIRD CLASS.			FOURTH CLASS.			FIFTH CLASS.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	VOTE AT LAST ANNUAL MEET- ING. SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
ESSEX COUNTY.																		
Amesbury																	1,127	1,490
Andover																	323	451
Beverly																	1,875	2,887
Boxford																	24	27
Danvers																	986	1,288
Essex																	104	146
Georgetown																	135	252
GLOUCESTER																	2,089	2,067
Groveland																	112	209
Hamilton																	220	238
Haverhill																	3,519	2,881
Ipswich																	477	784
LAWRENCE																	12,088	5,165
Lynn																	9,546	10,470
Lynnfield																	92	122
Manchester																	276	394
Marblehead																	741	1,143
Merrimac																	133	304
Methuen																	853	1,125
Middleton																	98	157
Nahant																	338	288
Newbury																	87	153
NEWBURYPORT																	1,842	2,488
North Andover																	930	1,070
PEABODY																	1,314	1,352
Rockport																	279	597
Rowley																	94	211
SALEM																	4,065	4,783
Salisbury																	193	299
Saugus																	539	1,062
Swampscott																	240	797
Topsfield																	65	123
Wenham																	72	186
West Newbury																	66	147
Totals	63	\$63 00														\$63 00	45,562	45,156

[illegible]

Question not submitted to voters.

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1921 — Continued.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	FIRST CLASS.			SECOND CLASS.			THIRD CLASS.			FOURTH CLASS.			FIFTH CLASS.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	VOTE AT LAST ANNUAL MEET- ING. SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	Yes.	No.				
HAMPDEN COUNTY																		
— Con.																		
Longmeadow																10	41	
Ludlow																375	342	
Monson																316	354	
Montgomery																7	19	
Palmer				2	\$2 00											720	631	
Russell																82	84	
Southwick																43	93	
SPRINGFIELD				25	25 00								1	\$1 00		4,155	4,393	
Tolland																3	19	
Wales																42	68	
West Springfield																1,018	750	
Westfield				3	3 00											1,162	845	
Wilbraham																99	214	
Totals				52	\$52 00								1	\$1 00		20,243	15,882	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.																		
Amherst																347	642	
Belchertown																179	221	
Chesterfield																16	37	
Cummington																33	89	
Easthampton																1,045	752	
Enfield																46	49	
Goshen ¹																—	—	
Granby																15	68	
Greenwich																31	33	
Hadley																61	91	
Hatfield																106	152	
Huntington																94	91	

Middlefield	22	1,956	6 00	22	1,720	38	16	513	75	654	42	241	37	5,583
NORTHAMPTON	19	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,460
Pelham	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	243
Plainfield	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,133
Prescott	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
South Hadley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	205
Southampton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	333
Ware	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	330
Westhampton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	105
Williamsburg	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	353
Worthington	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	348
Totals.	10	\$10 00	—	10	\$10 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
	3	\$3 00	—	3	\$3 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88
	2	2 00	—	2	2 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102
	21	21 00	—	21	\$21 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,161
	10	10 00	—	10	10 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,152
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	897
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	274
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	422
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	387
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,277
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,902
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,659
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	277
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	399
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	285
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	326
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	335
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	322
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	538
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	735
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	121
	24	24 00	—	24	24 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
	6	6 00	—	6	6 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,554
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,465
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,248
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,017
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,369
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,872

1 Question not submitted to voters.

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1921 — Continued.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	FIRST CLASS.			SECOND CLASS.			THIRD CLASS.			FOURTH CLASS.			FIFTH CLASS.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	VOTE AT LAST ANNUAL MEET- ING. SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY																		
— Con.																		
Maynard . . .																\$2 00	510	577
MEDFORD . . .																9 00	2,486	5,213
MELROSE . . .																2 00	1,135	3,551
Natick . . .																4 00	1,658	2,047
NEWTON ² . . .																—	4,638	7,207
North Reading . . .																—	113	205
Pepperell . . .																2 00	309	277
Reading . . .																—	265	795
Sherborn . . .																—	26	51
Shirley . . .																—	127	172
SOMERVILLE . . .																—	5,143	8,751
Stoneham . . .																—	785	1,437
Stow . . .																—	8	42
Sudbury . . .																—	72	174
Tewksbury . . .																—	99	230
Townsend . . .																—	129	232
Tyngsborough . . .																—	85	127
Wakefield . . .																—	889	1,320
WALTHAM . . .																—	2,308	3,240
Watertown . . .																—	1,220	1,879
Wayland . . .																—	213	330
Westford . . .																—	66	127
Weston . . .																—	48	109
Wilmington . . .																—	264	364
Winchester . . .																—	1 00	677
WOBURN . . .																—	1,849	2,102
Totals . . .	94	\$94 00	—	—	—	—	21	\$21 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$115 00	59,910	80,636
NANTUCKET COUNTY.																		
Nantucket . . .																—	237	271

[illegible]

1 One returned.

² Twelve sixth class granted.

[illegible]

Including 15 issued as sixth class, now third class under General Laws, one revoked.

² Question not submitted to voters.

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1921 — Concluded.

COUNTIES, CITIES, AND TOWNS.	FIRST CLASS.			SECOND CLASS.			THIRD CLASS.			FOURTH CLASS.			FIFTH CLASS.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	VOLE AT LAST ANNUAL MEET- ING. SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED?
	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Re- ceived for Same.	No. Revoked.		
WORCESTER COUNTY																	
— Con.																	
Sutton																126	140
Templeton																192	314
Upton																84	156
Uxbridge																498	550
Warren																298	286
Webster							4	\$4 00								1,055	590
West Boylston																14	89
West Brookfield ¹																—	—
Westborough																586	868
Westminster																18	115
Winchendon																457	461
WORCESTER							35	1 00 35 00		2 ²	\$220 00		2	\$2 00		23,751	17,978
Totals	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	\$64 00	1	2	\$220 00	1	2	\$2 00	1	45,201	39,620

² One hold over from Federal permits, and one issued for six months under special permit.

¹ Question not submitted to voters.

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.		VOTE AT LAST ANNUAL MEETING. SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED?		NUMBER ISSUED.					Number Revoked.	Amounts Received for Licenses.
		Yes.	No.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	Fourth Class.	Fifth Class.		
BARNSTABLE	.	1,970	2,643	-	-	-	-	1	-	\$1 00
BERKSHIRE	.	10,764	12,191	-	-	15	-	-	-	15 00
BRISTOL	.	30,822	20,665	-	-	89	-	1	-	90 00
DUKES COUNTY	.	322	513	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ESSEX	.	45,562	45,156	-	-	63	-	-	-	63 00
FRANKLIN	.	2,941	3,546	-	-	4	-	-	-	4 00
HAMPDEN	.	20,243	15,882	-	-	52	-	1	-	53 00
HAMPSHIRE	.	5,460	5,583	-	-	10	-	-	-	10 00
MIDDLESEX	.	59,910	80,636	-	-	94	-	21	-	115 00
NANTUCKET	.	237	271	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORFOLK	.	11,895	16,084	-	-	10	-	-	-	10 00
PLYMOUTH	.	14,971	15,885	-	-	14	-	-	-	14 00
SUFFOLK	.	93,341	51,115	-	-	225	17	1	-	5,526 00
WORCESTER	.	45,201	39,620	-	-	64	2	2	-	286 00
Totals .	.	343,639	309,790	-	-	640	19	27	-	\$6,187 00

SHERIFFS' RETURNS

1921

[CHAPTER 37, SECTION 23, GENERAL LAWS]

Abstracts of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1921, in Compliance with Chapter 37, Section 23 of the General Laws.

COUNTIES.	AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED.				NUMBER OF DAYS' ATTENDANCE.			
	From County Treasurer.	From All Other Sources.	Totals.	For Fees in Civil Processes.	For Fees in Criminal Proceedings.	Upon the Court.	Upon County Commissioners.	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously.
BARNSTABLE	\$366 68	\$54 20	\$420 88	\$54 20	—	—	—	—
BERKSHIRE	2,300 00	1,095 00	3,395 00	—	—	62	12	2
BRISTOL	4,422 69	17,375 47 ¹	21,798 16	—	—	92	17	15
DUKES COUNTY	343 66	519 62	863 28	408 21	\$111 41	20	—	20
ESSEX	3,350 53	13,092 74	16,443 27	—	—	135	1	72
FRANKLIN	1,517 04	2,285 00	3,802 04	—	—	47	—	47
HAMPDEN	3,866 72	4,145 00	8,011 72	—	—	197	12	152
HAMPSHIRE	—	4,008 00	4,008 00	—	—	36	5	2
MIDDLESEX	4,600 00 ²	12,545 00 ³	17,145 00	—	—	1,121	—	187
NANTUCKET	475 65	—	475 65	— ⁴	— ⁴	3	—	3
NORFOLK	2,700 00	5,100 00	7,800 00	—	5,100 00	182	—	98
PLYMOUTH	3,500 00	239 75 ⁵	3,739 75	—	—	85	35	10
SUFFOLK	4,000 00 ²	33,486 92 ⁶	37,486 92	—	—	2,565 ⁷	—	—
WORCESTER	4,100 00	20,248 15	24,348 15	—	—	208	—	216
Totals	\$35,542 97	\$114,194 85	\$149,737 82	\$462 41	\$5,211 41	4,753	82	754
								5,589

¹ Fines.

² Salary, John R. Fairbairn, \$1,000 as keeper of jail; John A. Keliher, \$1,000 as keeper of jail.

³ Fines and costs.

⁴ Allowed to retain fees by statute.

⁵ Travel expenses.

⁶ Fines, \$32,098.95; collections on Commonwealth executions, \$208.35; board of poor debtors, \$28.75; sale of old material, \$215.94; collected on civil process at jail, \$49.43; contempt of court, \$205; board of United States prisoner, \$208.50.

⁷ Superior Criminal Court, first session, 218; second session, 162. Civil court, first session, 168; second session, 154; third session, 169; fourth session, 175; fifth session, 169; sixth session, 172; seventh session, 172; eighth session, 168; ninth session, 24; equity motion, 303; equity merit, 179; divorce, 91. Supreme Judicial Court, for the Commonwealth, 108; for the county, 133.

CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

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[CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, GENERAL LAWS]

Returns relative to the Trial of Cases in the Superior Court for the Year ending June 30, 1921.

COUNTIES.	No. of Jury Cases.	No. of Jury Waived Cases.	No. of Equity Suits pending at Beginning of Year.	No. of Each of Said Three Classes of Cases Entered During the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class Actually Tried During the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class Disposed of During the Year by Agreement of the Parties or by Order of the Court.			No. of Cases of Each Class Remaining Untried at the End of the Year.			No. of Cases wherein the Verdict of the Jury has been set aside by the Court on the Ground that it was excessive.	No. of Days during which the Court has sat in their respective Counties for the Hearing of Each of Said Three Classes of Cases.	
				First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.						
BARNSTABLE .	61	25	21	36	15	2	8	3	1	32	10	3	59	25	20	-	-1	-1
BERKSHIRE .	135	121	82	140	84	22	23	16	2	103	67	14	149	122	88	-	29	17 ²
BRISTOL .	1,001	342	220 ³	599	219	107 ⁴	89	38	28 ⁵	443	156	51 ⁶	1,157	405	276 ⁷	-	116	44
DUKE COUNTY	7	9	9	6	14	3	1	-	-	5	5	4	6	7	4	-	3 ⁸	-
ESSEX .	1,906	442	409	1,273	366	183	214	33	27	809	239	89	2,281	526	483	-	332	40
FRANKLIN .	77	47	145	131	30	26	24	3	3	63	5	10	135	69	160	-	30 ⁹	24 ⁹
HAMPDEN .	1,692	710	484	858	440	171	81	43	6	693	328	136	1,762	770	512	1	194	25
HAMPSHIRE .	125	96	55	95	62	14	22	4	3	73	48	12	137	91	55	-	38	4
MIDDLESEX .	3,185	916	1,307	2,098	722	258	297	48	12	1,463	511	126	3,908	1,047	1,439	1	441	29
NANTUCKET .	1	16	1	1	16	-	1	10	-	1	10	-	-	11	1	-	3	3
NORFOLK .	748	228	229	450	195	48	78 ¹⁰	20 ¹⁰	12 ¹⁰	344	108	11	799	301	257	-	127	24 ¹¹
PLYMOUTH .	373	494	196	291	335	59	66	200	8	186	177	22	412	452	225	-	95	27
SUFFOLK .	14,658	3,387	8,204	7,150	2,023	1,453	1,123	256	253 ¹²	8,899	2,661	7,015 ¹¹	12,909	2,749	2,642	-	1,195 ¹⁴	137
WORCESTER .	1,580	495	442	1,235	404	181	137	79	81	816	294	54	1,862	526	488	-	155	30
Totals	25,549	7,328	11,804	14,363	4,925	2,527	2,164	753	436	13,930	4,619	7,547	25,576	7,101	6,650	2	2,758 ¹⁵	380
																		292

¹ Unknown, owing to mixed session.² Second and third classes.³ Exclusive of 632 divorce cases.⁴ Exclusive of 422 divorce cases.⁵ Exclusive of 357 divorce cases.⁶ Exclusive of 373 divorce cases.⁷ Exclusive of 681 divorce cases.⁸ All classes.⁹ Number of hours.¹⁰ Including cases pending for judgment, first class, 23; second class, 6; third class, 3.¹¹ Second and third classes, including hearing of 167 divorce cases.¹² Not including 2 divorce cases tried in equity merit session, 223 being Suffolk cases.¹³ Large number caused by "call of docket."¹⁴ Ten sessions; fourth session held in trial of cases without a jury.¹⁵ Equity merit session for all counties in the Commonwealth, equity motion session for all counties. Justice in attendance every day except Sundays and legal holidays.